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For: "NON-MARRING SPINAL ROD  
CURVING INSTRUMENT AND  
METHOD FOR USING SAME"

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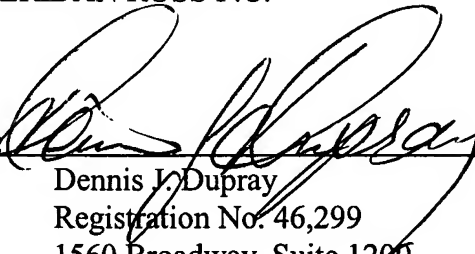
Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on December 2, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests information on the status of this application.

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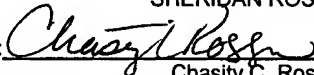
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